

# CENSUS OF CUBA.

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## ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED

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Washington, Aug. 12.—The secretary of war has directed that the census of Cuba shall be completed by Jan. 1 next and Gen. Joseph Sanger of the inspector general's department will be assigned to take charge of the work with headquarters at Havana. Gen. Sanger was in command of one of the military departments of Cuba for several months after the Spanish evacuation and has been recently engaged in special duty here in connection with the administration of affairs in our insular possessions.

The manner in which the census is to be taken has been practically determined as a result of numerous conferences held between the Cuban officials and the authorities of the war department and census office.

The immediate taking of the census will be under a Cuban official in each district. Each will have a force of Cuban enumerators, but the number of these is yet to be decided. The final tabulations of the counts will be made at the census office at Washington.

So far as decided upon the questions to be asked will be as follows: Name, age, sex, color, trade, occupation or profession, married or single, or other family relations; sanitary condition of houses; disposal of garbage and of fecal matter; ability to read or write, ability to speak or understand the English language and what elementary knowledge make; the probability that this understanding of English will be acquired; nationality, whether Cuban or Spanish; property ownership or rental; area of land cultivated and kind of crops; schools and number of scholars in attendance and number of days attended.

Two conferences held yesterday hastened the Cuban census problem well toward completion. The first was at the census bureau between Acting Director Wines, the chief statisticians and the geographer and the Cuban commissioners. They discussed the tentative schedules submitted, which were subsequently ordered printed with a number of alterations at the instance of the Cubans, though still subject to revision. Tabulating machines were also inspected. Yesterday Secretary of War Root, Assistant Secretary McKeljohn, Acting Director Wines and Chief Hunt of the population section of the census were in conference preparatory to a conference Secretary Root will have with the Cuban commissioners to-day. At this meeting it was stated that the policy and purpose of the United States are to make the Cubans self-governing, a condition which, when reached, will be followed by this government's turning governmental control of every nation to the Cubans.

Everything will be subordinated to this end and it will be a guiding factor in the census taking. While Gen. Sanger will have general charge a civilian will be sent from here to take direct control of the entire work in the island. Victor H. Hinson of this city an expert statistician, with the department of labor, has been agreed on for this office.

### MacArthur's Movements.

Manila, Aug. 12.—Advises from Calcutta, under date of Aug. 11 report that Gen. MacArthur took the ninth regiment, a battalion of the twenty-second and a detachment of the first artillery near Bacolor, on Friday morning. The entrance of the troops into the town was not opposed, the insurgents fleeing as the Americans approached. The troops had a hard march of ten miles, in some places being obliged to wade waist deep in the water. Many were exhausted. The troops will spend the night at San Rita and proceed Saturday.

Lieut. Hazard of Gen. Whetton's staff with five scouts from the Iowa regiment marched up the railroad into Angeles. A small force of rebels attacked the scouts outside the town and Lieut. Hazard sent for reinforcements. Gen. Whetton's orders, however, were that the Americans should not occupy Angeles and a force of 500 or 700 rebels appearing, Lieut. Hazard retired.

### Sine Deal Practically Off.

La Salle, Ill., Aug. 12.—Paul De Sincay, president of the sine trust, which controls the European markets, has been two days in La Salle at work on the project which was originated in Europe. It is understood that the Matthiessen & Hegler and Illinois sine companies of La Salle, who control the American market, have declined to enter the proposed organization and the deal is practically off.

### Many Lives Lost.

Ponce, Aug. 14.—The worst storm ever experienced here struck this place Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock and lasted two hours. It came from the northeast. Ponce was flooded at midday, and at least 300 persons were drowned. Two hundred bodies, mostly those of poor people, including many children, have been recovered.

All the buildings are damaged and hundreds have been destroyed. The soldiers and firemen worked all night heroically saving lives. There is no drinking water, gas, ice or electric lights. The commissary stores at Playa were destroyed, the city is short of food and the army officers are distributing rations. Fifteen vessels in the harbor were driven ashore. The weather bureau predicted the storm, but it is claimed Ponce was not warned.

A mob of 1600 persons threatened the alcalde, Porrazo Deris, but they were dispersed by the fifth cavalry. The alcalde has been deposed on account of the negligence.

Major Myers of the eleventh infantry is acting alcalde in response to popular demand.

The sum of \$500 will be needed to clean the streets. The sanitary condition is serious and assistance is needed.

All the crops are totally ruined, the wires are all down and little news is obtainable from the interior. Abnulta, including the barracks, has been destroyed, but no lives were lost there. Juan Diaz has been devastated. Forty-six lives were lost there. Arroyo, Guayama, Baitas and San Isabel are reported to have been totally demolished. The railroad between Ponce and Yauco is impassable. The river is flowing over the road for two miles.

Mayaguez escaped serious injury. Bananas are the sole food here. The peons have gone to San Juan and its vicinity, which is comparatively unharmed.

San Juan, de Porto Rico, Aug. 14.—It is now said that 500 persons lost their lives at Ponce during the hurricane. Terrible distress prevails here.

The water supply of Porto Rico has been stopped. The Coamo Springs hotel has been wrecked. It belonged to the Porto Rico company of Philadelphia.

### Revolution Spreading.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 12.—A mail dispatch from Santo Domingo confirms the cable intelligence telling of the spread and significance of the revolution throughout the Dominican republic. Prominent men in civil and military circles, it appears, are taking the field with the understanding that Jimenez is the prime mover and that he will shortly arrive there from Cuba with munitions of war. Among his military adherents, bringing armed followings including regular soldiers, were the well known Gen. Ramon Pacheco and Pablo Reyes, who are advancing westward by forced marches for the purpose of cutting off Monte Cristi from reinforcements, and to form a junction with the insurgent forces from Haiti, thus opening a way for the Jimenez expedition. Undoubtedly the popularity of the revolutionists is due to the use of the name of Gomez, and should he decline the presidency or Jimenez finally oppose his election, prominent leaders are already considering the alternative of calling a plebiscite in order to ascertain whether the country would not prefer to renew the vote of 1871 for American annexation or an American protectorate rather than elect another dictator, thus securing peace and prosperity.

George Denson was jailed at Sherman, charged with burglary.

### Report Not Believed.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.—In the absence of confirmatory advice no credence is given to the report that Alex McDonald, the Klondike mining king, is insolvent. So far as can be ascertained, the story of McDonald's failure is based on the mere statement of Thomas Kilkenney, a returning Klondiker, to the effect that just before he left Dawson a friend of his told him that McDonald had filed a notice of insolvency at the court house.

### Presidents Convene.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The meeting of the South American presidents has not caused any surprise or apprehension at the state department, which was fully advised some time ago that such a meeting would occur and that its purpose would be confined to strengthening the commercial bonds between South American countries. For this reason the authorities here do not share in the belief that the meeting has a deep political significance.

### Steamers Wrecked.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.—Capt. Mason of the steam whaler Jeanie confirms previous reports of the danger to the storm that raged around and off St. Michael's island on July 11.—The wrecks of thirty river steamers indiscriminately on the beach of the island bear testimony of the fury of the gale. Of the number Capt. Mason says twenty-five were wrecked beyond repair. The full damage he stated, exceeds \$400,000.

### D. Cooper Elected.

Waco, Tex., Aug. 13.—Dr. Oscar H. Cooper was elected president of Baylor university yesterday by a unanimous vote of the board of directors, and being in the city he was forthwith notified of his election and in the afternoon signified that he would accept the important position to which he was elected in the forenoon. Dr. Cooper has filled high places in educational institutions. He served a term or two as state superintendent of education. He was superintendent of the Galveston schools several years, and in all the educational conventions in the southwest he has taken active participation.

The following is Dr. Cooper's acceptance:

Waco, Tex., Aug. 14.—To the Board of Trustees of Baylor university: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your notification that you have elected me by unanimous vote to the presidency of Baylor university. After careful consideration of the issues involved, I am impressed with the conviction that it is my duty to accept this responsible and difficult position.

Baylor university is the oldest institution for education in Texas. Its history is interwoven with much that is most honorable in the history of our state. Already the leading institution of the denomination in the southwest, it gives promise under the blessing of God of becoming ultimately one of the strongest universities in the nation.

Whatever its future may be, Baylor university is consecrated to Christian education. The higher education should be dominated by the highest ideals of the race; these ideals are those furnished by the Christian religion.

In accepting the position, I ask the cordial sympathy of all friends of educational progress, the loyal support of the entire denomination and the hearty co-operation of all the old friends of this historic institution.

Humbly invoking the guidance of Almighty God, I pledge to Baylor university my best efforts for its advancement.

OSCAR H. COOPER.

### An Awful Deed.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 13.—Two attempts were made yesterday morning between 2 o'clock and daylight to burn up the Protestant orphan's home at West End, with its fifty little orphan children.

The attempts were carefully planned and were aimed at a complete destruction of the building.

It was at 2 o'clock yesterday morning when the people living near the orphanage were awakened by the cries of fire, and saw a great sheet of fire envelop the home.

The smell of kerosene oil pervaded the air, and the building seemed doomed.

With a great effort the flames were extinguished, and it was found that the fire had been started on the front gallery, where the flames could be easily communicated to the interior of the building through the wooden doors.

Two hours later the home was again on fire, this time from an oil-soaked rag placed under the floor of the building.

The management of the home has no information that might suggest a motive for the terrible crime.

As William Wyatt, aged 19, living with his widowed mother twelve miles north of Mangum, O. T., was hunting jack rabbits he was shot through the body and killed by the accidental discharge of his gun.

The French schooner Pauboto was sunk in a collision.

### Attacked by Mexicans.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 13.—Roman Mies, a Mexican who is employed by the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad at Findlay, Tex., as boss of a coal gang, had a very narrow escape from death on Saturday at the hands of an infuriated mob of Mexicans.

It seems that trouble had been brewing among the men for some time, which finally culminated in an attack on him, from the effects of which it will be some time before he recovers.

Mies was brought here yesterday and is in a very precarious condition. The would-be assassins inflicted some very ugly knife wounds, one of which was directly over the heart, two in the shoulder and a bad cut on the upper lip.

Dr. F. H. Hincks of Baltimore, a member of Commissioner General Peck's staff, died at Chicago of heart failure.

John Scoggins was killed at Archer City, Tex.

### Skull Crushed.

Texarkana, Tex., Aug. 13.—Frank Lewis, stranger in these parts, was found with a crushed skull and in an unconscious condition under the water tank of the Cotton Belt railroad one mile north of this place yesterday. He has not been able to speak since his discovery and there is no way of getting the facts. It is supposed that he stepped off a train that took water at the tank and when it was about to start he missed in attempting to catch on and was dashed to the ground.

### Remanded to Jail.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 13.—The argument in the habeas corpus hearing was concluded by Judge Morris for the state at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and at about 4:45 Judge Lipscomb announced that Ed Cain, who is charged as an accomplice in the Humphries lynching, would be admitted to bail in the sum of \$2000, and that the other seven men were remanded to jail without bail.

The courthouse was crowded to its fullest capacity all day with anxious spectators, who began to assemble there long before court convened in the morning.

As soon as the argument was concluded the crowd began to leave the courtroom, as it had been stated and generally believed that the judge would not announce his decision for two or three days.

At 5 o'clock Jim Patterson, who is charged with killing Constable Rhodes, was brought into court on ex parte hearing before Judge Lipscomb, and by agreement of both counsel for state and defense, admitted to bail in the sum of \$1500.

### Press Association.

Clarendon, Tex., Aug. 14.—The tenth annual meeting of the Northwest Texas Press association met in Clarendon last Tuesday and Wednesday. There were some thirty in attendance, scattered from Fort Worth to Amarillo and Plainview. A large number of citizens, with the Clarendon brass band, met them at the train and conducted them to the Clarendon hotel, where an informal reception was held Monday night. Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the association met in the public school building, and was called to order by the president.

The welcome address in behalf of the people was delivered by Judge B. H. White, and in behalf of the local press by Rev. J. H. Henson. The response by President Proctor was appropriate and to the point.

Tuesday night the visitors were feasted on ice cream at the ice cream parlor, after which the Clarendon band led the way to the courthouse, where a lawn social and reception was held. After music and speaking upstairs, the whole crowd was invited out on the courthouse lawn to partake of the abundance of watermelon and ice water which had been provided.

Wednesday morning Bunton & Terry of Clarendon livery stable placed every carriage and buggy in their stable, also several citizens, to the local committee to take the visitors for a drive over the city. Through the courtesy of Foreman Ford the visitors were allowed to go through the roundhouse and machine shops. The visitors also went through the Clarendon college building, Catholic convent, and to every part of the city, and did not return until noon.

Wednesday night a banquet was given in the college building. There was a musical programme rendered, and a comic recitation by Miss Grace Anderson, which was highly appreciated by all.

Braxton county has a very large Italian colony, and many of the Italians were among the flood sufferers. Supplies were distributed to 175 families. The supplies were donated by King Humbert of Italy, the Italian government and by the various societies in this country.

James Hunt, who has been confined in the United States jail at Adams, I. T., for the past two months on a charge of killing his brother-in-law Sam Smith, was released, having given bail in the sum of \$5000.

### A Fatal Duel.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 11.—A sensational duel occurred in this city Sunday morning just before daylight, and it will be days before Dallas will cease to discuss it. The duellists were Mount Officer A. P. Rawlins and Special Policeman Charles A. Daniels. The weapons were large caliber single action six-shooters, and the distance was three paces. Foe for foe the leaden ball both men stood their ground and "shot it out" to the bitter end. Both men are dead. Rawlins fell on his side and then rolled over on his back to expire in less than ten minutes without uttering a word. He moved his lips once or twice in an effort to speak to his brother, who soon arrived on the scene, and was holding his head, but the effort was futile. Daniels dropped his weapon and staggered off up the street and then returned to the drug store on the corner, where he died an hour later, unconscious of the pitiful moaning and hysterical weeping of his wife, who had hastened to his side.

### Confederate Reunion.

Madisonville, Tex., Aug. 11.—The eleventh annual reunion of Camp John G. Walker, United Confederate Veterans, was held at this place on Aug. 8, 9 and 10. The attendance was estimated at from 400 to 600, being composed of people from all the adjoining counties and from various places in this state and out of it. The welcome address by Mr. J. R. Jackson was followed by an able and eloquent speech by Hon. T. H. Ball of Huntsville.

### State Grange Convened.

McGregor, Tex., Aug. 16.—The State Grange met formally in the Knights of Pythias hall at 10 o'clock yesterday morning owing to the non-arrival until noon of Worthy Master J. L. Ray of Mineola, no business was transacted.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the opening business session was held, with the following officers and a fair sprinkling of representatives in attendance:

J. L. Ray, Mineola, worthy master; R. D. McGee, Seguin, worthy overseer; C. F. Kiker, Dublin, worthy lecturer; D. C. Singletary, Monahville, worthy steward; A. F. Teague, Brenham, worthy chaplain; J. L. Howell, Dublin, worthy treasurer; J. J. Ray, Dublin, worthy secretary; Mrs. Mattie Alexander, McGregor, Worthy Flora.

After devoting one hour to the discussion of unimportant routine business, a recess was taken until later in the day.

At 3 o'clock an open meeting was held at the tabernacle. Farmer Shaw announced the inability of ex-Gov. Hogg to attend on account of illness in his family. He announced that Hon. John B. Long, ex-congressman and ex-master of the State Grange, had been substituted for his friend Hogg. Mr. Long was given a hearty welcome. After a few pleasantries he made an appeal for the organization of the farming classes in the south and west. In the east, the speaker said, the farmers were well organized. In the south they are the servants of others. They are bread-makers, and not bread-winners or bread-getters, and it is a misnomer to designate them as bread-winners.

### Farmers' State Alliance.

Bazette, Tex., Aug. 16.—The State Farmers' Alliance met in its twentieth annual session in the Baptist church here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, at which hour it was called to order by President J. M. McWilliams of Navarro county.

There were present, besides the regularly accredited delegates from county alliances, J. M. McWilliams, president; W. A. Skillern, vice president; Miss Joe Anna Dornblaser, secretary; C. B. Bowen, chairman executive committee; O. F. Dornblaser, S. G. Mullens, of the judicial committee.

Many delegates not having arrived, nothing was done at the morning session except the appointment of committees on credentials, resolutions, order of business and constitutional amendments.

An adjournment was then taken until 1:30 p. m.

During the recess the crowd and delegates, which numbered probably 200, congregated under a large arbor, where an address on "The Principles of the Alliance" was delivered by O. F. Dornblaser, when a glee club furnished fine music.

At 1:30 the Alliance reconvened and received the report of the credentials committee, which showed that thirty county Alliances were represented, one delegate being allowed from each Alliance.

Another recess was then taken, and the arbor again resorted to, when Miss Carrie Westbrook delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by J. F. Perritt of Nacogdoches Alliance. President McWilliams was then presented by W. A. Skillern of Nacogdoches county, and delivered his annual address upon the condition of the Alliance, its purposes, benefits and needs.

Upon the conclusion of the president's address, the Alliance went into executive session, which continued until 4:30 o'clock.

### Masked Robbers.

Denison, Tex., Aug. 16.—A special from Sterrett, I. T., says:

Monday night just before the south-bound passenger train arrived, three masked men entered the depot and ordered Ed and Poke James and Gilbert Moore, whom they found there, to hold up their hands.

Moore escaped out of the back door, sounded the alarm, got a gun and fired into the depot.

The men escaped, getting only 30 cents. A stray bullet passed through the wall of the house occupied by J. T. Cutshaw, striking him on the leg, but only making a blue spot.

The men, judging from their actions, were old hands at the business, but had evidently miscalculated the time that No. 3 was due here. They had evidently intended to hold up the south-bound Katy train.

Advices from Honolulu say that the volcanic action of Mauna Loa has entirely ceased.

### Fleet Cargo Steamer.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 16.—There was a banquet in the big dining-room of the Sabine hotel at Port Arthur Monday evening in honor of Capt. Wm. B. Curtis, the master of the first cargo steamer that passed through Port Arthur Canal. The steamer is the St. Oswald, 1757 tons, and she will take 50,000 bushels of grain at the elevator and then drop down into the lake, where she will flush loading flour and miscellaneous freight.

### The Cleveland Failure.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 11.—Deputy Marshal Dorough, who is also a trustee in bankruptcy for this district, has gone to Houston and taken charge of the Cleveland stock. He will act as trustee until the creditors meet and select one for the position. It is customary to select the one already representing the court, and Mr. Dorough may be chosen.

The following is a list of the largest creditors whose claims are unsecured: Bracht Bros., Rockport, \$1211; Mrs. Wm. D. Cleveland, Houston, \$6128; Cleveland Compress and Warehouse company, \$2835; Charles Muecke, Shiner, \$1334; Walter Cotton, Hobbs Ferry, \$4000; Powell, Smith & Co., New York, \$2594; Cameron Mill and Elevator company, New York, \$1240; Union Tobacco company, New York, \$2224; M. M. Levy & Co., Galveston, \$927; American Sugar Refining company, New York, \$3618; Church, Dwight & Co., New York, \$1190; P. Cannon Commission company, Galveston, \$2932.

Altogether there are 123 accounts, aggregating \$46,688. The amounts due Houston banks are as follows: First \$500; Mercantile, New York, \$55,000; Planters and Mechanics, \$5000; Houston National, \$5000. Total, \$146,000.

Due Latham, Alexander & Co., in notes, \$50.00; due John Lang on notes, \$113.65.

Joshua H. Hall, a real estate dealer, with an office at 219 Tremont street, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy yesterday. The creditors are few, but the liabilities amount to \$117,500. The petitioner has no assets.

C. Buckley Howard, also of Galveston, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday. Liabilities \$1150; no assets.

### Committed Suicide.

Waco, Tex., Aug. 12.—J. B. Buxton, an attorney-at-law, committed suicide yesterday morning by cutting his throat with a razor.

Mr. Buxton and his wife were boarding at a hotel in East Waco, and yesterday morning about 4 o'clock he got up and walked to the back door of the building, drew a razor across his throat, severing his jugular vein and walked down the back stairs.

He circled around the back yard and fell dead at the rear of the house, where his dead body was found at 5 o'clock by a milkman, who furnished milk to the hotel.

Mrs. Buxton was awakened when her husband first arose, but supposing he would return in a few minutes, fell asleep again. She was prostrated by the awful truth when the discovery was made. No cause is known for the act of suicide except that deceased had been suffering severely with kidney troubles the last few weeks and had become very despondent.

Mr. Buxton came to Waco from Kansas City two years ago and has been practicing law. He was 49 years old and was born and reared in Asheville, N. C.

He leaves a wife, but no children.

### Preparations Being Made.

Decatur, Tex., Aug. 12.—Extensive preparations are being made for the coming Populist picnic, which occurs on the 25th and 26th of this month. Hon. C. C. Bearden informs a reporter that Judge Kearby, Joe Parker, Cyclone Davis and Stump Ashby will be here and deliver addresses. An effort will be made by the Democrats, who have been invited to take part in the celebration to have Hon. Joseph W. Bailey of Gainesville attend the picnic.

E. D. Peters, a merchant, fell dead at Livingston.

### Statements Being Sent In.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 12.—The law passed by the last legislature defining fraternal and beneficiary life insurance companies and granting them permission to do business in Texas, under certain conditions, becomes effective Aug. 25. The bill had the emergency clause, but failed, to secure the necessary vote to put it into immediate effect. In anticipation of it becoming a law fraternal and beneficiary companies all over the Union are sending copies of their statements, by-laws and other literature to the commissioner of insurance for him to examine to determine whether or not such companies come within the meaning of the law permitting such companies to do business in Texas. The commissioner is flooded and the work of examining is very tedious.

The attorney general has approved for registration \$11,000 Uvalde county bridge bonds, \$7000 Victoria city hall bonds and \$7000 city of Victoria street improvement bonds.

### Smallpox Case.

Italy, Tex., Aug. 12.—A negro section hand from this place was sent to the hospital Thursday and his case was pronounced smallpox and Dr. Simpson of Waxahatchie, Ellis county's health officer, was notified of the fact. Dr. Simpson immediately came here and held a consultation with the mayor and city council. He and the city authorities have been busy rounding up each and every one who have come in contact with the case.